

Linnæan Society,
Burlington House, London, W.
Feb 7th 6. 1877.

Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge with
many thanks for your very kind
and prompt attention in the receipt
of your letter of the 15th ulto,
enclosing a Bill on Mess^{rs}
Calvert, Bros, for £1:11:6, in
liquidation of our claims for
the current volume (15) of
the Botanical section of the Journal,
on Prof^r Eaton, the Horticult^l
Society, Boston, and Columbia
College, New York. I trust the

her sight was much impaired,
but she continued, till over 95
years of age, to write a clear and
beautiful hand. Her other faculties
seem to have retained almost
to the close. We possess, and you
may perhaps have seen, when last
in England, a selection from her
husband's Scientific Correspondence,
from the date of the foundation of
the Linnæan Society, ⁽¹⁷⁸⁸⁾, admirably
arranged, with occasional notes
by herself in 19 quarto volumes.
At my request, she sent, two
or three years ago, for insertion
in one of these, a photograph
from the portrait of herself by
Pie, with the date of her birth
(May 11, 1773.) written on the
back, in her own hand; and the
notice of her in yesterday's Times
(by her nephew, Dr Lidell, Dean
of Christchurch, I presume), gives a copy of the

Register of her baptism; so long as a well-authenticated instance of
longevity, and her name is now being
registered in the
Linnæan Society.

nos. continue to reach them regularly.
To ensure their doing so, as far as
may be, I have got our printer
to employ for the address-bands
a much tougher paper than they
~~formerly~~ ~~used~~, having reason to
believe that too many of the
pamphlets sent to us by book-post,
from the Continent, fail to reach
us, owing to the very flimsy
covers in which they are often
enclosed.

You will be glad to learn
that our old friend, Mr. Bentham,
continues in good health, active
and industrious as ever. On
Thursday last, his Successor (Dr
A. Cairnes), having been summoned
to Dublin, we had the pleasure
of seeing him, once more
occupying his old post in the

Chair, both at the Council, and at
the General Meeting, in the evening.
Mr. Hooker, being now Pres^t
of the Royal Society, whose
Meetings are held simultane-
ously with our own, we have
not the pleasure of seeing him
quite so often as we could wish,
tho' he continues to interest
himself as deeply as ever in
the progress of the Society.

The Times of yesterday, containing
an announcement ^{on the 3rd inst.} of the death
of Lady Smith, the widow of
our Founder; who survived her
husband very nearly half a
century, and would, had she
~~survived~~ ^{lived} till May next, have
completed her 104th year!
During the last three or four years,